

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/763,466

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 07 March 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-23.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 05 October 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on March 7, 2005 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

2. In response to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2004, applicant(s) submitted an amendment filed on October 5, 2004, in which the applicant requested reconsideration with respect to **claims 1, 13, 17-20 and 23**.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments, see pages 12-16, filed March 7, 2005, with respect to claims 1, 13, 17-20 and 23 have been fully considered and are persuasive.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. **Claims 1-23** are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for indication of (allowance) allowable subject matter:

As for independent claims 1, 13, 17-20, and 23, they recite an apparatus and method for transmission, reception and processing of signals. Prior art such as Todoroki and Tallurri et al. show similar apparatuses and methods but fails to teach the recited apparatus and method wherein the primary data which includes the first data in respect of a temporal portion of the signal and the second data in respect of the same portion of the signal and secondary data which includes the first data in respect of a different temporal portion of the signal ***but lacks the second data in respect of the portion***, to produce a plurality of outputs providing enhancement data, successive sets of enhancement data representing successive improvements to the reconstructed signal quality. The primary data includes all such outputs and the secondary data includes first data in respect of a like plurality of different temporal portions of the signal and progressively smaller numbers of sets of second data in respect to those portions.

Dependent claims 2-12, 14-16 and 21-22 are allowed because they further limit their parent claims.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.


➤ USPN 6,119,916 to Talluri et al. discloses error resilient encoding.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jakieda R Jackson whose telephone number is 571.272.7619. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Ometz can be reached on 571.272.7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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April 13, 2005


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PRIMARY EXAMINER